

DE KALB COUNTY, INDIANA

Highlights



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Introduction

The first edition of the *County Highlights* was published in 1993. Lillian Miles, then Labor Market Analyst for the Gary Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area, originated the idea for this descriptive area publication.

Highlights are now a web publication and, as a result, the data can be updated throughout the year, not just on an annual basis. These *Highlights* are available in easy-to-use web format but are also printable and e-mailable and provide a snapshot of critical population and workforce statistics for each of Indiana’s 92 counties, 11 Economic Growth Regions, and the State of Indiana.

Each *Highlights* includes an overview of the demographics and workforce of an area, from its population to the size of its labor force and the industry mix of jobs and wages.

Don’t hesitate to contact your regional analyst, Sharon Ringenberg (260-469-4217) if you need further information about your area.



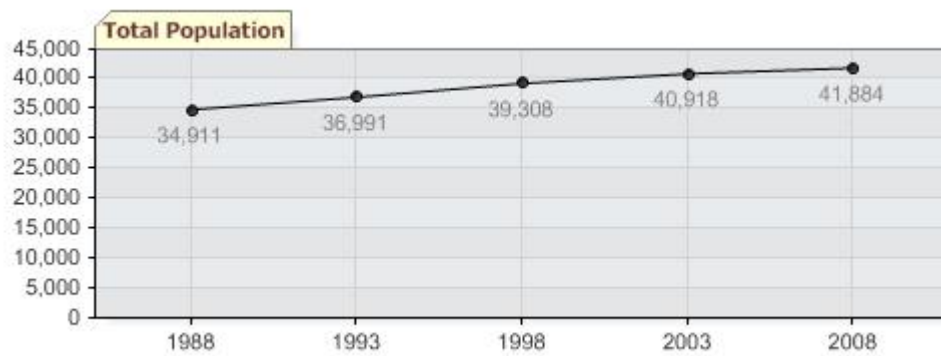
Location

DeKalb County is located in north east Indiana. The county is bordered on the south by Allen County. DeKalb is adjacent to the State of Ohio on the east, Steuben County is to the north, and Noble County to the west. DeKalb County is one of the eleven counties located in the area designated by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development as Indiana Economic Growth Region 3.

Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

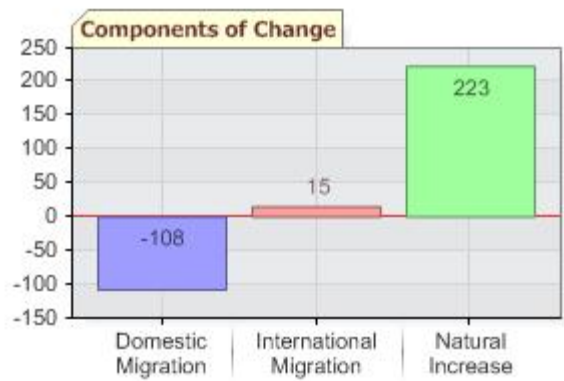
Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	34,911	36,991	39,308	40,918	41,884
Change Since 1988		2,080	4,397	6,007	6,973
Pct. Change Since 1988		6.0%	12.6%	17.2%	20.0%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	-108
International Migration	15
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	223
Births	573
Deaths	350



Source: US Census Bureau

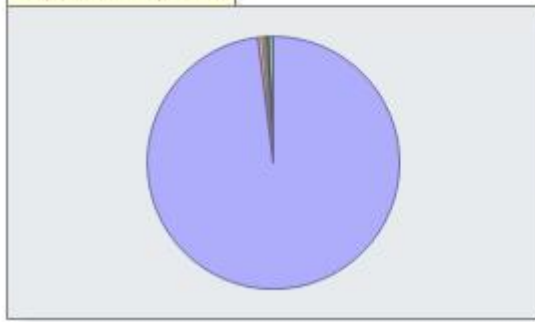
Population Estimates by Age in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	2,825	6.8%
School Age	8,106	19.4%
College Age	3,317	7.9%
Young Adult	11,687	28.0%
Older Adult	10,793	25.9%
Older (65 plus)	5,068	12.1%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	119	0.3%
Asian Alone	180	0.4%
Black Alone	223	0.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	18	0.0%
White Alone	40,967	98.2%
Two or More Race Groups	289	0.7%

Population by Race

98.16 %	White
0.53 %	Black
0.29 %	Am. Ind or Alaskan Native
0.43 %	Asian
0.04 %	Hawaiian and Pac. Isl
0.69 %	Two or More

Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	40,964	98.2%
Hispanic or Latino	832	2.0%

Source: US Census Bureau

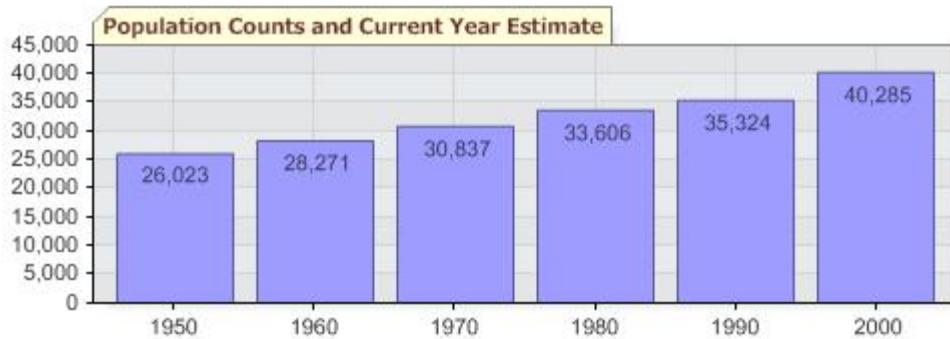
Households in 2000

	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	15,134	100.0%
Family Households	10,915	72.1%
Married with Children	4,240	28.0%
Married without Children	4,728	31.2%
Single Parents	1,253	8.3%
Other	694	4.6%
Non-family Households	4,219	27.9%
Living Alone	3,546	23.4%
Average Household Size	2.67	
Average Family Household Size	3.70	

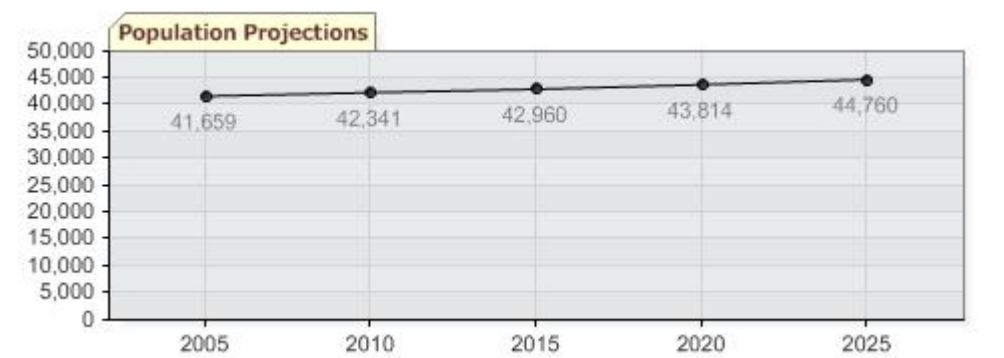
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Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	26,023	NA	NA
1960	28,271	2,248	8.6%
1970	30,837	2,566	9.1%
1980	33,606	2,769	9.0%
1990	35,324	1,718	5.1%
April 2000	40,285	4,961	14.0%
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A



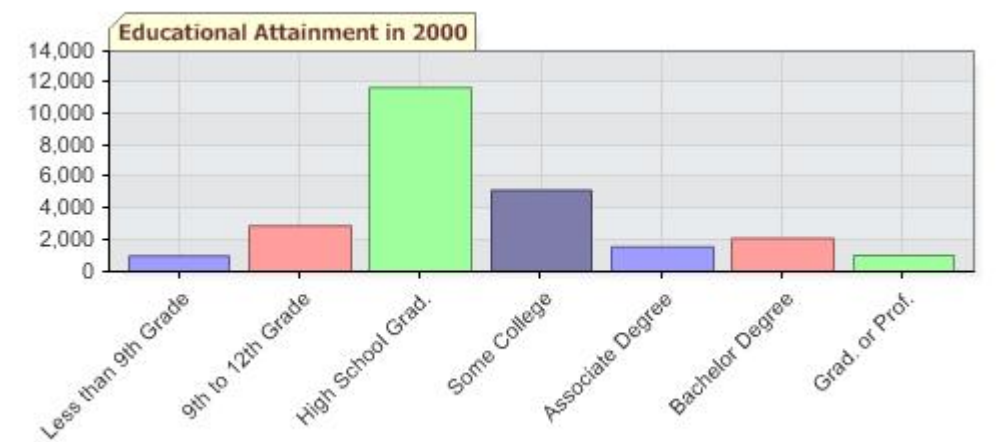
Population Projections					
	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	41,659	42,341	42,960	43,814	44,760
Change Since 2005		682	1,301	2,155	3,101
Pct. Change Since 2005		1.6%	3.1%	5.2%	7.4%



Education

The level of education of our workforce is a critical factor for economic and community development. It often provides insight into the skill levels of a local area. The metrics provided here focus on the attainment of degrees and high school graduates' higher education intent. The type of work (occupations) residents perform can also assist in understanding skill levels.

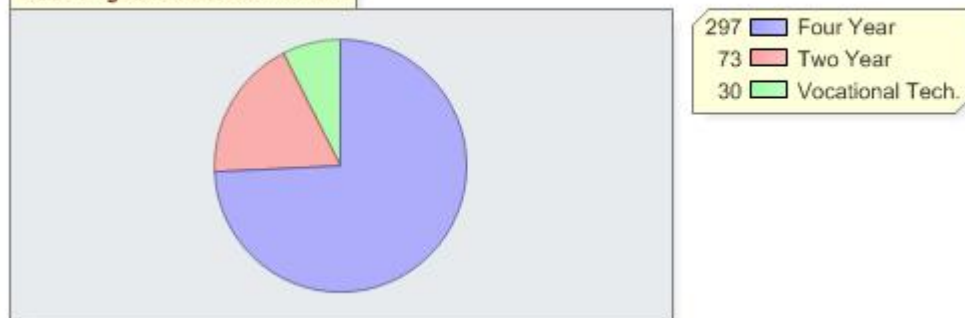
Educational Attainment				
	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Population 25 and Older	16,475	18,949	21,801	25,500
Less than 9th Grade	4,056	2,943	1,590	997
9th to 12th, No Diploma	3,471	3,073	3,305	2,907
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	6,787	9,250	10,165	11,694
Some College, No Degree			3,344	5,157
Associate Degree			1,244	1,583
Bachelors Degree			1,182	2,116
Graduate or Professional Degree			971	1,046



High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Graduates	436	447	486	503
Total to Higher Education	364	356	402	400
Four-Year Institution	263	258	271	297
Two-Year Institution	31	47	85	73
Vocational/Tech.	70	51	46	30
Military	13	13	17	18

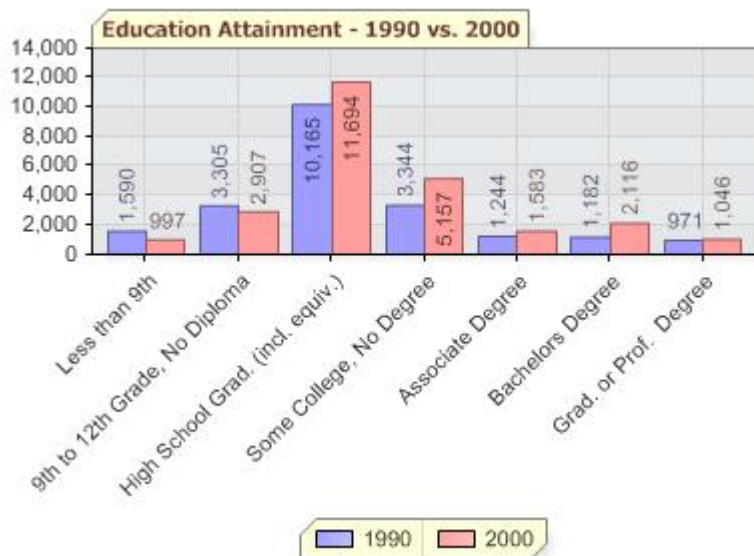
2007 Higher Education Intent



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Educational Attainment in 1990 and 2000

	1990	Pct. of Pop. 25+	2000	Pct. of Pop. 25+
Total Population 25+	21,801	100.0%	25,500	100.0%
Less than 9th Grade	1,590	7.3%	997	3.9%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	3,305	15.2%	2,907	11.4%
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	10,165	46.6%	11,694	45.9%
Some College, No Degree	3,344	15.3%	5,157	20.2%
Associate Degree	1,244	5.7%	1,583	6.2%
Bachelors Degree	1,182	5.4%	2,116	8.3%
Graduate or Professional Degree	971	4.5%	1,046	4.1%

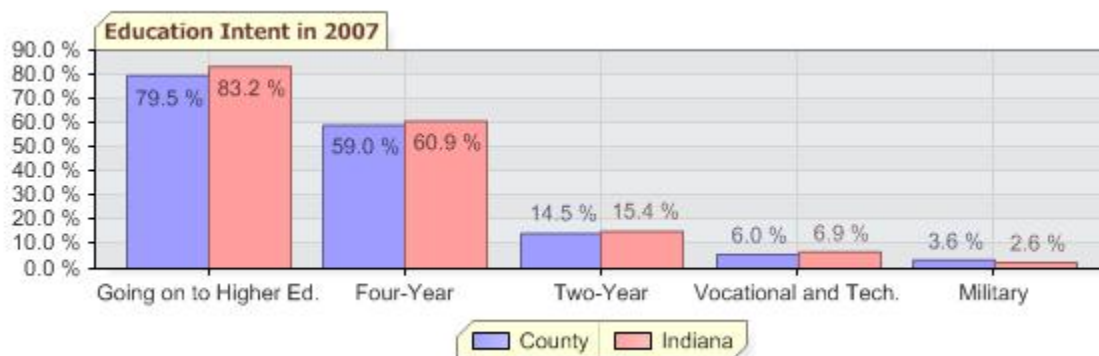


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

High School Graduates Higher Education Intent

	2007 Pct. Dist.	Indiana Pct. Dist.

Graduates	100.0%	100.0%
Total Going on to Higher Education	79.5%	83.2%
Four-Year Institution	59.0%	60.9%
Two-Year Institution	14.5%	15.4%
Vocational and Tech.	6.0%	6.9%
Military	3.6%	2.6%



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Commuting

In Indiana, most workers commute to a job, either within their home county or beyond. Patterns of commuting are significant in showing the labor supply. The county *labor force* represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work. Two types of commuting patterns are provided here - the Census 2000 *benchmark* and the annual data tabulated from state income tax returns that can help provide a more current view.

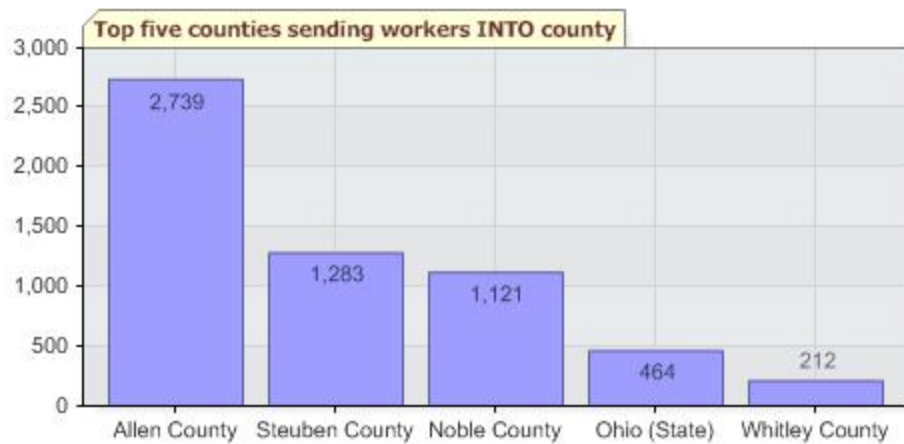
Commuting Data, 2007

	Number
Number of tax filers who live in county and work	28,327
Number of tax filers who work in the county	28,619
Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county	22,162
Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county	6,457

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties sending workers INTO county, 2007

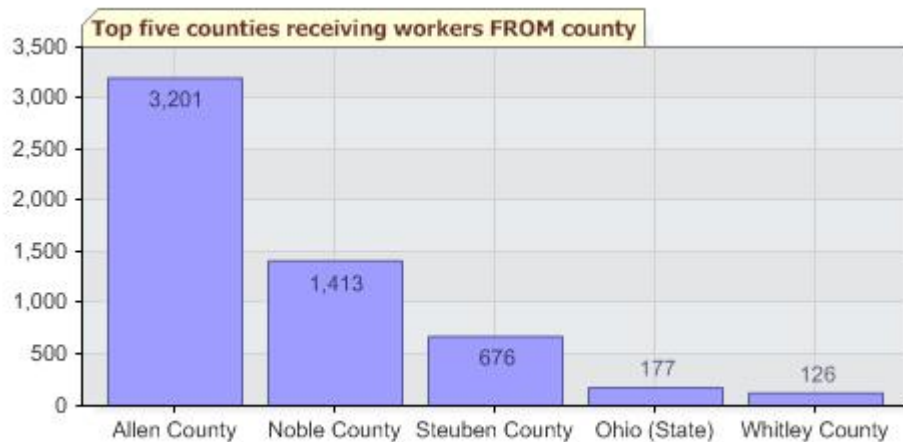
County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Allen County	2,739	45.7%
Steuben County	1,283	21.4%
Noble County	1,121	18.7%
Ohio (State)	464	7.7%
Whitley County	212	3.7%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties receiving workers FROM county, 2007

County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Allen County	3,201	57.2%
Noble County	1,413	25.3%
Steuben County	676	12.1%
Ohio (State)	177	3.2%
Whitley County	126	2.3%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Travel To Work in 2000

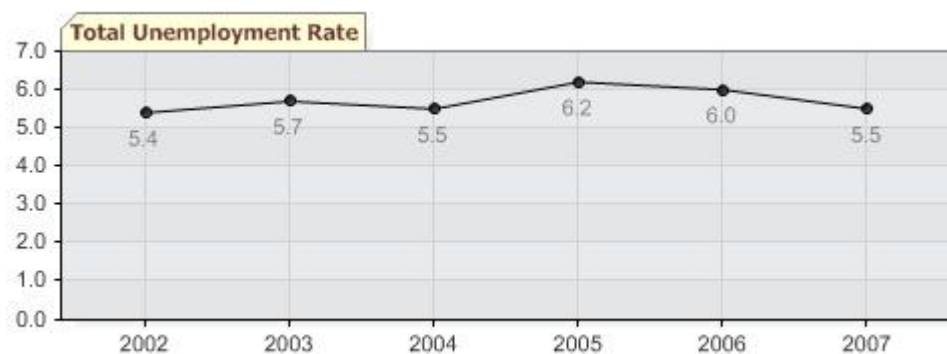
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Workers Age 16 and Over	20,289	100.0%
Travel To Work	19,801	97.6%
Car, Truck, or Van	19,151	94.4%
Traveled Alone	16,953	83.6%
Carpooled	2,198	10.8%
Used Public Transportation	71	0.3%
Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other	579	2.9%
Worked At Home	488	2.4%
Average Travel Time (Minutes)	19.3	
Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes)	23.9	

Labor Force

An area's labor force provides insight on the availability factor and is residence-based - that is, the people are working or seeking work and reside in the particular county or region.

Annual Labor Force Estimates in 2007

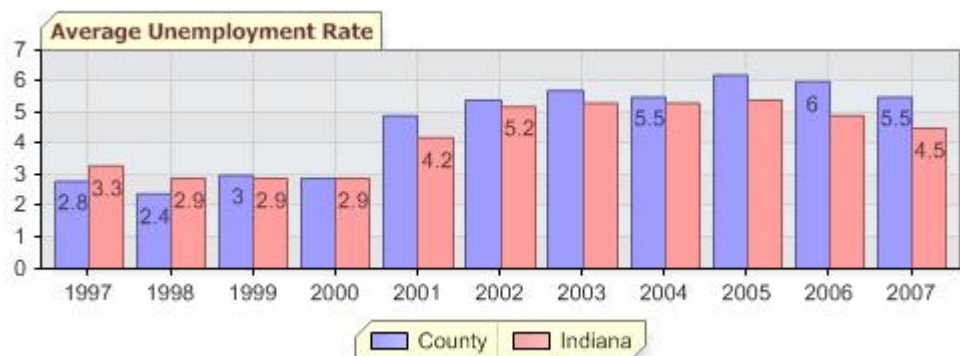
	Number	Pct. Chg. from 2000
Labor Force	20,784	-4.8%
Employed	19,648	-7.3%
Unemployed	1,136	80.6%
Rate	5.5	89.7%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Labor Force Estimates

	Labor Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Cnty. Rate	State Rate
1997	21,932	21,327	605	2.8	3.3
1998	22,057	21,530	527	2.4	2.9
1999	22,116	21,463	653	3.0	2.9
2000	21,826	21,197	629	2.9	2.9
2001	21,574	20,522	1,052	4.9	4.2
2002	21,769	20,593	1,176	5.4	5.2
2003	21,926	20,679	1,247	5.7	5.3
2004	21,809	20,601	1,208	5.5	5.3
2005	21,871	20,521	1,350	6.2	5.4
2006	21,500	20,208	1,292	6.0	4.9
2007	20,784	19,648	1,136	5.5	4.5



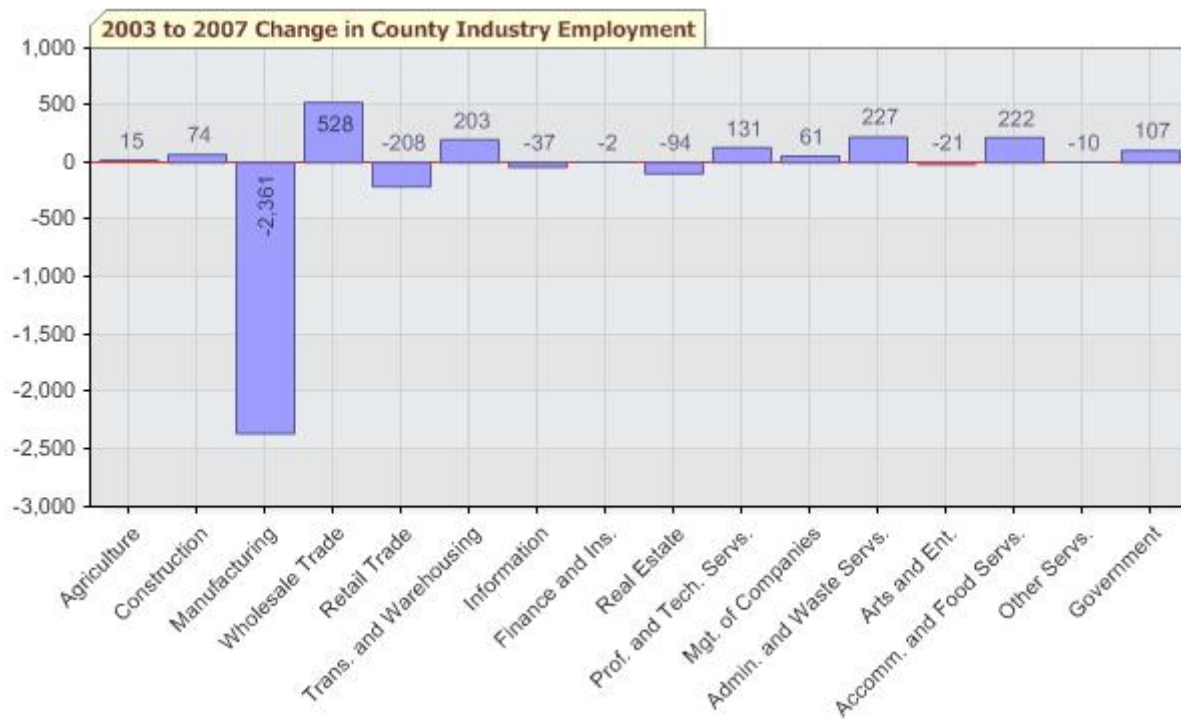
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Employment

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry.

Average Employment by Sector

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 2003-2007	% Change 2003-2007
Total Employment	21,250	21,440	21,322	20,618	20,202	-1,048	-4.93%
Total Private Employment	19,373	19,510	19,401	18,686	18,218	-1,155	-5.96%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	68	84	84	88	83	15	22.06%
Mining	25	19	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Construction	887	879	866	871	961	74	8.34%
Manufacturing	10,610	10,286	9,814	9,083	8,249	-2,361	-22.25%
Wholesale Trade	755	880	1,107	1,161	1,283	528	69.93%
Retail Trade	1,815	1,778	1,664	1,627	1,607	-208	-11.46%
Transport. and Warehousing	347	474	548	524	550	203	58.50%
Utilities	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Information	136	36	41	63	99	-37	-27.21%
Finance and Insurance	279	280	266	271	277	-2	-0.72%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	214	147	157	145	120	-94	-43.93%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	267	340	347	379	398	131	49.06%
Mgmt. of Companies	164	173	188	217	225	61	37.20%
Admin. and Waste Services	660	795	856	809	887	227	34.39%
Educational Services	49	52	65	D	D	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,395	1,458	1,486	1,452	1,518	N/A	N/A
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	197	183	183	184	176	-21	-10.66%
Accommodation and Food Service	1,066	1,202	1,268	1,243	1,288	222	20.83%
Other Services	406	415	415	456	396	-10	-2.46%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	1,877	1,930	1,921	1,932	1,984	107	5.70%

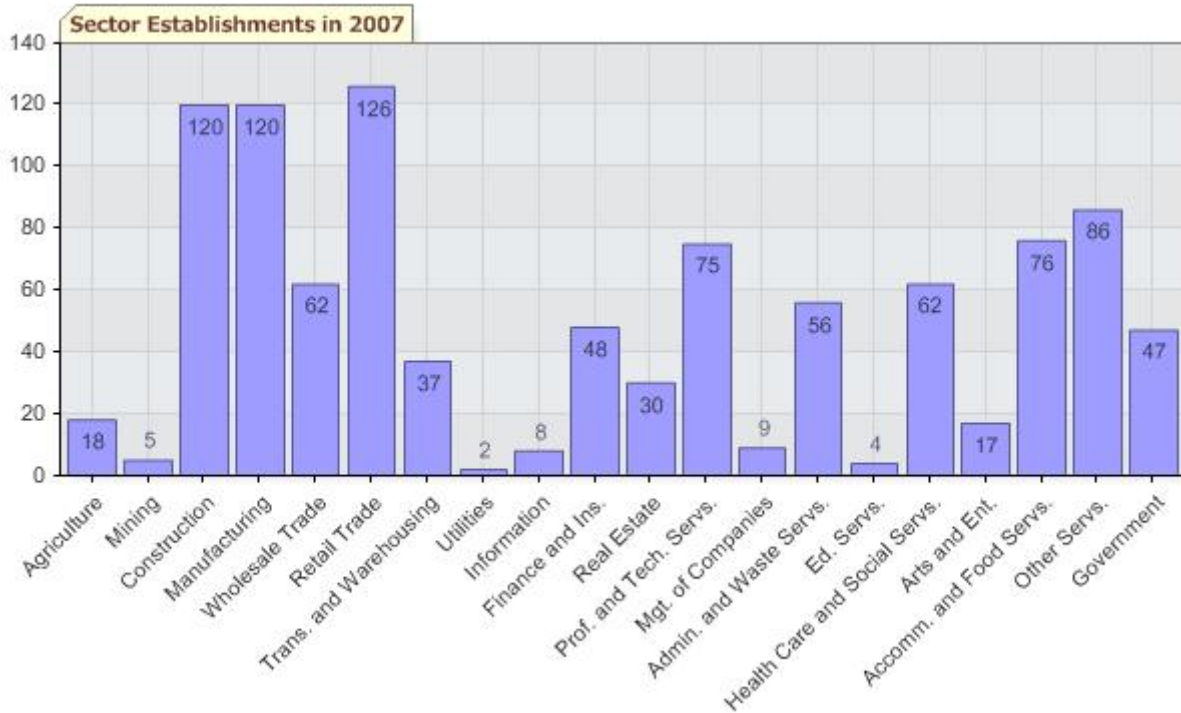


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Establishments by Sector

Change % Change

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007
Total Establishments	962	971	984	979	1,007	45	4.68%
Total Private Establishments	923	932	945	938	960	37	4.01%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	16	17	18	19	18	2	12.50%
Mining	6	5	D	D	D	-1	-16.67%
Construction	122	123	122	119	120	-2	-1.64%
Manufacturing	121	118	120	120	120	-1	-0.83%
Wholesale Trade	44	46	52	55	62	18	40.91%
Retail Trade	137	135	132	130	126	-11	-8.03%
Transport. and Warehousing	29	35	37	37	37	8	27.59%
Utilities	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Information	7	5	6	7	8	1	14.29%
Finance and Insurance	50	50	45	44	48	-2	-4.00%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	31	32	34	32	30	-1	-3.23%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	68	67	68	72	75	7	10.29%
Mgmt. of Companies	5	6	6	7	9	4	80.00%
Admin. and Waste Services	56	59	59	57	56	0	0.00%
Educational Services	3	3	3	D	D	1	33.33%
Health Care and Social Assistance	60	60	63	59	62	2	3.33%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	17	17	19	19	17	0	0.00%
Accommodation and Food Service	71	71	77	72	76	5	7.04%
Other Services	81	83	80	80	86	5	6.17%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	39	39	39	41	47	8	20.51%



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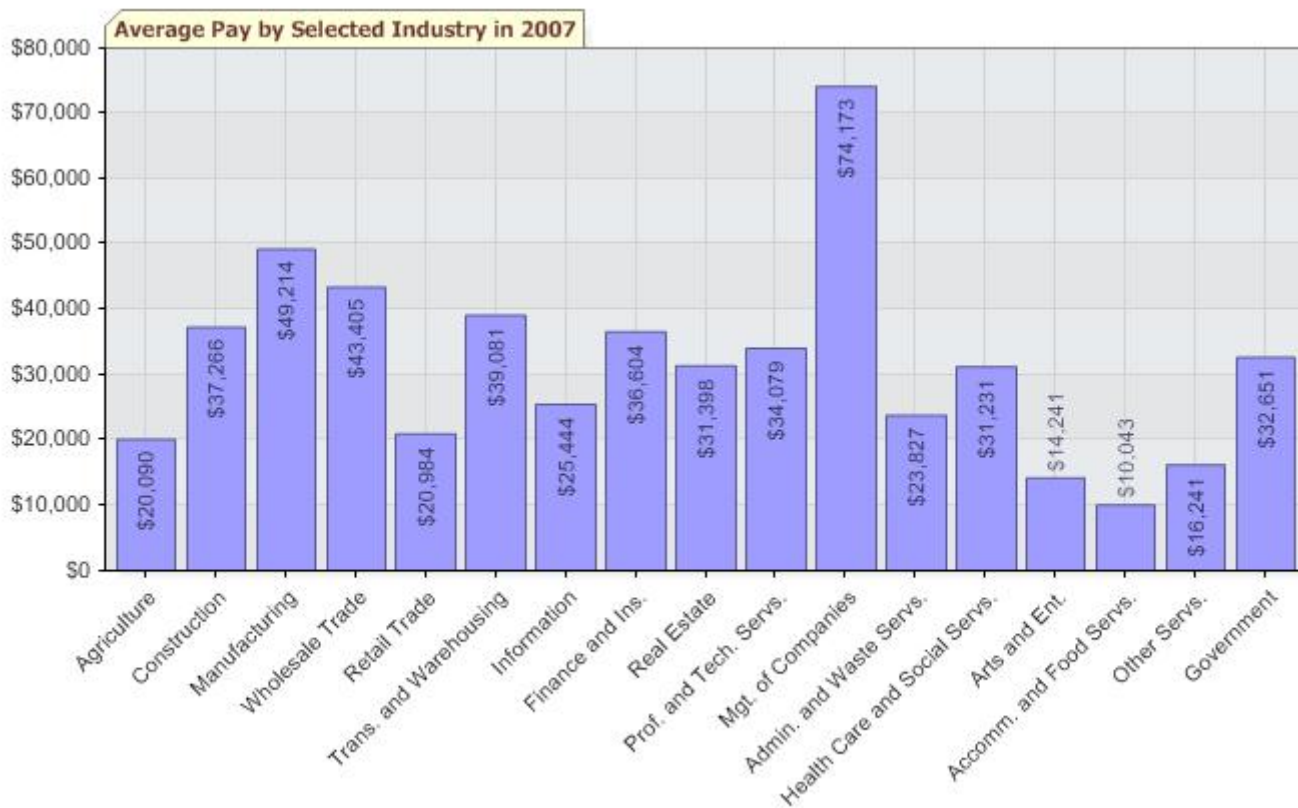
Earnings and Income

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry. Note: The income figures and changes are not adjusted for inflation.

Average Annual Earnings by Industry

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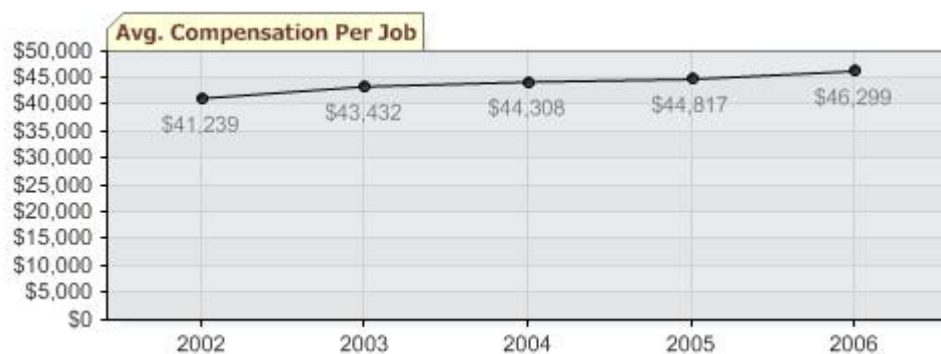
	2003	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007	2007	State
All Industries	\$34,142	\$37,563	\$3,422	10.0%	\$37,530	100.1%
Ag., For., Fishing, & Hunt.	\$19,853	\$20,090	\$237	1.2%	\$28,008	71.7%
Mining	\$37,801	D	N/A	N/A	\$57,315	N/A
Construction	\$31,851	\$37,266	\$5,415	17.0%	\$44,754	83.3%
Manufacturing	\$42,844	\$49,214	\$6,370	14.9%	\$51,148	96.2%
Wholesale Trade	\$37,068	\$43,405	\$6,336	17.1%	\$51,432	84.4%
Retail Trade	\$18,819	\$20,984	\$2,165	11.5%	\$22,581	92.9%
Trans. & Warehousing	\$34,778	\$39,081	\$4,304	12.4%	\$38,012	102.8%
Utilities	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$68,267	N/A
Information	\$28,944	\$25,444	-\$3,501	-12.1%	\$46,311	54.9%
Finance & Insurance	\$29,731	\$36,604	\$6,874	23.1%	\$52,649	69.5%
Real Est., Rent., Leasing	\$18,069	\$31,398	\$13,329	73.8%	\$32,614	96.3%
Prof. & Tech. Svcs.	\$33,304	\$34,079	\$775	2.3%	\$51,451	66.2%
Mgt.of Companies	\$60,412	\$74,173	\$13,762	22.8%	\$72,682	102.1%
Admin. & Waste Svcs.	\$23,423	\$23,827	\$404	1.7%	\$24,934	95.6%
Education Svcs.	\$9,702	D	N/A	N/A	\$31,029	N/A
Health Care & Social Assist.	\$27,548	\$31,231	\$3,683	13.4%	\$37,706	82.8%
Arts, Ent. & Rec.	\$13,582	\$14,241	\$659	4.8%	\$29,251	48.7%
Accom. & Food Svcs.	\$9,732	\$10,043	\$311	3.2%	\$12,442	80.7%
Other Svcs.	\$14,207	\$16,241	\$2,034	14.3%	\$24,862	65.3%
Fed.I, State & Local Govt.	\$30,050	\$32,651	\$2,601	8.7%	\$37,054	88.1%



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Average Compensation Per Job Over Time

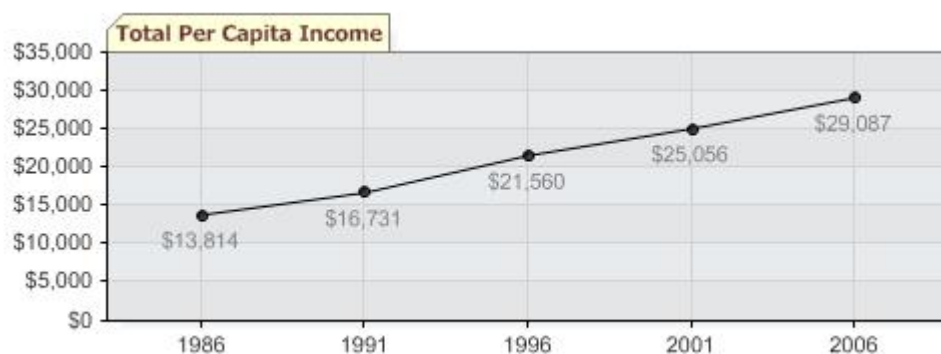
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Avg. Compensation per Job	\$41,239	\$43,432	\$44,308	\$44,817	\$46,299
Change Since 2002		\$2,193	\$3,069	\$3,578	\$5,060
Pct. Change Since 2002		5.3%	7.4%	8.7%	12.3%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Per Capita Income Over Time

	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
Total Per Capita Income	\$13,814	\$16,731	\$21,560	\$25,056	\$29,087
Change Since 1986		\$2,917	\$7,746	\$11,242	\$15,273
Pct. Change Since 1986		21.1%	56.1%	81.4%	110.6%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Income & Wage

	Number
Median family income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Median household income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Average Wage Per Job in 2007 (BLS)	\$37,562
Wage Growth since 1997 (BLS)	34.2%

Source: US Census Bureau & Bureau of Labor Statistics

Firms and Employment by Size

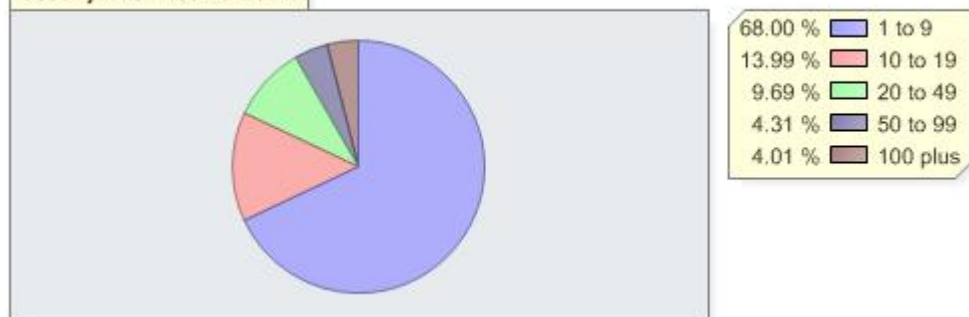
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County Business Patterns, 2006

	Establishments	Number Chg. 01 to 06	Pct.Chg. 01 to 06	Pct. of Total
1-9 employees	695	-12	-1.7%	68.0%
10-19 employees	143	15	11.7%	14.0%
20-49 employees	99	9	10.0%	9.7%

50-99 employees	44	4	10.0%	4.3%
100 plus employees	41	1	2.5%	4.0%
TOTAL	1,022	17	1.7%	100.0%

County Business Patterns

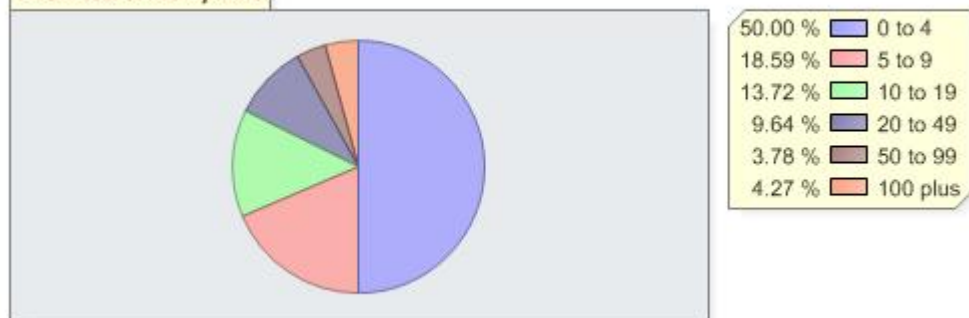


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Firms by Size, 2008:3

	Number of Business Units, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	503	50.0%
5 to 9 employees	187	18.6%
10 to 19 employees	138	13.7%
20 to 49 employees	97	9.6%
50 to 99 employees	38	3.8%
100 plus employees	43	4.3%
TOTAL	1,006	100.0%

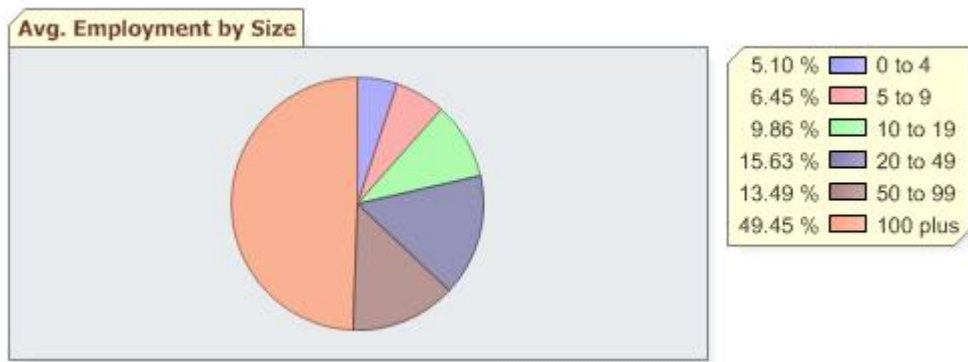
Business Units by Size



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.

Avg. Employment by Business Unit Size, 2008:3

	Avg. Employment, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	1,000	5.1%
5 to 9 employees	1,265	6.5%
10 to 19 employees	1,933	9.9%
20 to 49 employees	3,064	15.6%
50 to 99 employees	2,644	13.5%
100 plus employees	9,691	49.4%
TOTAL	19,598	100.0%



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.